GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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EXCAVATION WORK IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India has completed the excavation work at Barabati Fort of Cuttack in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the total excavation work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eight seasons of the excavation since 1989-90 at Barabati Fort has revealed remains from circa 13th century to 17th A.D. The remains exposed comprise inter alia pillared platforms and a palace complex. Stone sculptural pieces, architectural fragments, terracotta animal figurines, red-slipped ware, and Chinese porcelain are among the important finds. The expenditure incurred on the excavation at Barabati Fort is Rs. 24.59 lakhs.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.